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RESERVE OF LABOUR AMONG CANADIAN WOMEN

There is abundant evidence that Canada's sources of labour supply among men are rapidly approaching depletion. Employment is at the highest level in the country's history, approximately 5,000,000 persons of a population of 11,500,000 being in the armed services or in civilian occupations. Enlistments in the Army, Navy and Air Force, numbering around 500,000 (x), and the employment of some 800,000 (x) workers in producing munitions of war have contributed to an acute shortage of manpower. A National Selective Service plan has been established to mobilize Canadian labour for the most effective prosecution of the war and non-essential production is being progressively curtailed.

Since future accretions to the nation's labour force must come mainly from the ranks of women, a stock taking of Canada's womanpower is, at the present time, extremely important. An attempt to throw some light on this problem, with the data at present available, is presented herewith.

Gainfully occupied females in Canada, in 1931, numbered 665,859. The National Registration of August, 1940, showed 958,000 gainfully occupied females. At March 31, 1942, there were 655,096 females registered under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Allowing for persons in non-insurable occupations, this would indicate a total of around 1,200,000 gainfully occupied women at the present time. Of these more than 6,000 (x) are in the armed forces.

For the alleviation of the manpower shortage interest centres chiefly upon the women not gainfully occupied. As the total female population, according to the 1941 Census, was 5,594,062 these would number around 3,300,000 (#). To estimate the availability of labour supply in this total, the age composition, conjugal condition, geographical location, family responsibilities, etc. etc., must be considered. Such detailed data are available, at present, only for 1931 but they provide at least a rough basis for conclusions regarding the picture in 1942.

The number of females, not gainfully occupied, was, in 1931, 3,240,663 or 83 per cent of the female population 10 years of age and over. Of these 1,141,528 were single, 1,868,639 married, and 230,220 widowed or divorced. Single women are the first to be absorbed in a rapidly expanding war machine. Young women of 15-34 years are most favoured by employers (+) although, for certain types of work, those in the 35-44 and even in the 45-54 groups are suitable. In 1931 there were in Canada 516,082 single women, aged 15-34 years, not gainfully occupied. In the 35-44 age group there were 28,596 and the 45-54 age group, 23,654. (See Table 1.)

(x) Source: "Canada at War" (Bulletin 13 and monthly supplements) issued by the Director of Public Information. Many of the munitions workers, of course, have been shifted from non-essential industries.

(+) See accompanying chart showing the age composition of persons insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

(#) Excluding children under 10 years of age.



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Single women 15 - 44 years of age in rural areas, in 1931, numbered 381,421 and in urban areas, 653,008. (See Table 2.) While the increasing farm labour shortage exerts considerable pressure to keep young women on the farm, single women, on the whole, form a highly mobile group which can readily shift from one part of the country to another as employment becomes available. It is fairly certain that at this time (middle of 1942) heavy inroads have been made upon the single women labour pool.

While widowed and divorced women follow fairly closely the same pattern as single women in regard to employment, this source of labour supply is comparatively small. There were only 21,954 widowed and divorced women, aged 15 - 44, not gainfully occupied in 1931.

Reference to Table 1 indicates that the largest source of future labour supply is among married women. Of 1,227,876 married women, 15 - 44 years of age, only 48,073 or 3.92 per cent were gainfully occupied in 1931. If the war is of long duration, with the absorption of more and more men into the armed forces on the one hand, and, on the other, an increasing tempo of war production, this source will have to be heavily drawn upon. The ranks of married women under 35 years of age, not gainfully occupied, which, in 1931 numbered 678,676, contain a considerable number of recent workers still skilled in their former occupations.

Of married women, 15-44 years of age, in Canada in 1931, 533,354 were in rural and 696,400 in urban areas. The family responsibilities of rural married women, coupled with the increasing stringency of the farm labour situation, suggests that few recruits for industrial employment can be secured from the married women, 15-44 years of age, in rural areas. However, the married women in this age group in urban localities provide a labour pool practically untapped. In this connection a sample investigation showed that, of 993 women listed as homemakers at the National Registration of 1940, 87 had acquired insurable wage-earner status by July 1, 1941. While the sample is too small to be reliable, it would indicate that of 2,285,000 women listed as homemakers in August, 1940, only from 54,000 to 68,000 had been drawn into the ranks of industrial workers by July 1, 1941. (x)

The employment of married women is, of course, hampered by the fact that, as a labour group, they are extremely immobile. Certain information on families provided by the Census is of interest in this connection. There were in Canada, in 1931, in urban localities, 283,244 families of two or more persons without children. Unfortunately, the age composition of the wives in these families is not known, a defect which will be remedied when the 1941 Census data become available. Of 922,705 urban families with children, 33 per cent had one child only, while 75 per cent had two children or less. Of the 304,802 families with one child, in only 109,831 cases or 36 per cent of the whole, was the child under 7 years of age.

In connection with the problem of the immobility of married women workers the degree of concentration in the larger urban centres is important. Of the 283,244 urban families without children in 1931, 159,373 or 56 per cent were in localities 30,000 and over while 58 per cent of the families with one child and 57 per cent of those with two children were similarly situated. It is in these large urban centres that day nurseries, community kitchens, laundries, etc., can be most easily provided.

As contributing to a detailed study of the problem under discussion, the accompanying tables are presented. Table 1 shows Canada's female population, gainfully occupied and not gainfully occupied, classified according to conjugal condition

(x) Recent Expansion of Industrial Employment and Sources of Labour Supply, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, pp. 5 - 7.

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and age. Table 2 shows the rural and urban composition of Canadian women by age groups and conjugal condition. Table 3 gives the distribution of married women by age groups, rural and urban, by provinces, while Table 4 gives similar data for the 20 largest cities. Table 5 shows the composition of rural and urban families and focuses attention upon the responsibility of the wife as regards children. Table 6 gives similar information for the 20 largest cities.

Table 1. - Female Population of Canada, 1931, 10 years of age and over, gainfully occupied and not gainfully occupied, classified according to conjugal condition and age.

Conjugal Condition and Age	Total (x)	Gainfully Occupied	Not Gainfully Occupied	Per cent Gainfully Occupied
<u>Single</u>				
10 - 14 years	530,443	2,530	527,913	4.77
15 - 24 "	770,105	310,687	459,418	40.34
25 - 34 "	185,288	128,624	56,664	69.42
35 - 44 "	78,443	49,847	28,596	63.54
45 - 54 "	50,511	26,857	23,654	53.17
55 - 64 "	33,445	13,194	20,251	39.44
65 - 69 "	11,926	3,282	8,644	27.52
70 years and over	18,620	2,636	15,984	14.16
Total 15 - 44 years	1,033,836	489,158	544,678	43.14
" 15 - 54 "	1,084,347	516,015	568,332	47.59
" 15 - 64 "	1,117,792	529,209	588,583	47.34
" 10 years and over	1,679,185	537,657	1,141,528	32.01
<u>Married</u>				
15 - 24 years	189,089	9,020	180,069	4.77
25 - 34 "	520,157	21,550	498,607	4.14
35 - 44 "	518,630	17,503	501,127	3.37
45 - 54 "	385,523	11,864	373,659	3.08
55 - 64 "	208,454	5,198	203,256	2.49
65 - 69 "	59,302	1,113	58,189	1.88
70 years and over	53,835	550	53,285	1.02
Total 15 - 44 years	1,227,876	48,073	1,179,803	3.92
" 15 - 54 "	1,613,399	59,937	1,553,462	3.71
" 15 - 64 "	1,821,853	65,135	1,756,718	3.57
" 10 years and over	1,935,437	66,798	1,868,639	3.45
<u>Widowed and divorced</u>				
15 - 24 years	1,539	712	827	46.26
25 - 34 "	10,653	5,410	5,243	50.78
35 - 44 "	29,925	14,041	15,884	46.92
45 - 54 "	48,456	17,163	31,293	35.42
55 - 64 "	63,324	14,238	49,086	22.48
65 - 69 "	39,141	5,106	34,035	13.04
70 years and over	98,453	4,665	93,788	4.74
Total 15 - 44 years	42,117	20,163	21,954	47.87
" 15 - 54 "	90,573	37,326	53,247	41.21
" 15 - 64 "	153,897	51,564	102,333	33.51
" 10 years and over	291,555	61,335	230,220	21.04



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Table 1. - Female Population of Canada, 1931, 10 years of age and over, gainfully occupied and not gainfully occupied, classified according to conjugal condition and age. - conc.

Conjugal Condition and Age	Total (x)	Gainfully Occupied	Not Gainfully Occupied	Per cent Gainfully Occupied
<u>Not Stated</u>				
15 - 24 years	24	8	16	33.33
25 - 34 "	33	17	16	51.51
35 - 44 "	33	19	14	57.58
45 - 54 "	54	10	44	18.52
55 - 64 "	43	8	35	18.60
65 - 69 "	11	5	6	45.45
70 years and over	24	2	22	8.33
Total 15 - 44 years	90	44	46	48.89
" 15 - 54 "	144	54	90	37.50
" 15 - 64 "	187	62	125	33.15
" 10 years and over	294	69	225	23.47
<u>Grand Total</u>				
10 - 14 years	530,455	2,530	527,925	0.48
15 - 24 "	960,757	320,427	640,330	33.35
25 - 34 "	716,131	155,601	560,530	21.73
35 - 44 "	627,031	81,410	545,621	12.98
45 - 54 "	484,544	55,894	428,650	11.53
55 - 64 "	305,266	32,638	272,628	10.69
65 - 69 "	110,380	9,506	100,874	8.61
70 years and over	170,932	7,853	163,079	4.59
Total 15 - 44 years	2,303,919	557,438	1,746,481	24.19
" 15 - 54 "	2,788,463	613,332	2,175,131	21.99
" 15 - 64 "	3,093,729	645,970	2,447,759	20.88
" 10 years and over	3,906,522	665,859	3,240,663	17.04

(x) Totals by conjugal condition include persons of not stated age.

Table 2. - Conjugal Condition of Women in Canada, 1931, classified as urban and rural and by age groups.

Conjugal Condition and Age	Rural	Urban	Urban localities over 30,000	Urban localities 1,000 to 30,000	Urban localities under 1,000
Single	1,244,426	1,527,542	821,397	594,019	112,126
Under 15 years	826,878	795,707	400,017	329,539	66,151
15 - 19 "	213,956	274,159	146,915	107,092	20,152
20 - 24 "	95,755	186,714	110,636	65,422	10,656
25 - 29 "	34,489	87,260	53,573	29,054	4,633
30 - 34 "	16,817	46,802	29,487	15,016	2,299
35 - 39 "	11,486	33,215	20,917	10,627	1,671
40 - 44 "	8,918	24,858	15,267	8,253	1,338
45 - 49 "	7,504	19,603	11,730	6,747	1,126
50 - 54 "	6,760	16,666	9,884	5,798	984
55 - 59 "	5,594	12,366	7,012	4,507	847
60 - 64 "	5,183	10,316	5,670	3,962	684
65 - 69 "	4,029	7,901	4,108	3,166	627
70 and over	6,936	11,690	6,020	4,742	928
N.S.	121	285	161	94	30
Total 15 - 44 years	381,421	653,008	376,795	235,464	40,749
" 15 - 54 "	395,685	689,277	398,409	248,009	42,859
" 15 - 64 "	406,462	711,959	411,091	256,478	44,390

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Conjugal Condition and Age	Rural	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban
			localities over 30,000	localities 1,000 to 30,000	localities under 1,000
<b>Married</b>	852,688	1,085,262	599,316	407,674	78,272
Under 15 years	18	3	-	2	1
15 - 19 "	14,561	11,518	5,396	5,258	864
20 - 24 "	77,107	86,445	47,060	33,431	5,954
25 - 29 "	109,074	141,796	80,069	52,385	9,342
30 - 34 "	114,567	155,466	88,274	56,902	10,290
35 - 39 "	114,502	157,791	89,125	58,047	10,619
40 - 44 "	103,543	143,384	81,630	52,264	9,490
45 - 49 "	91,857	122,855	69,720	45,016	8,119
50 - 54 "	74,877	96,313	53,674	35,781	6,858
55 - 59 "	56,001	65,084	34,357	25,519	5,208
60 - 64 "	41,023	46,514	23,549	18,633	4,332
65 - 69 "	28,761	30,565	14,510	12,571	3,484
70 and over	26,585	27,269	11,780	11,804	3,685
N.S.	212	259	172	61	26
<b>Total 15 - 44 years</b>	533,354	696,400	391,554	258,287	46,559
" 15 - 54 "	700,088	915,568	514,948	339,084	61,536
" 15 - 64 "	797,112	1,027,166	572,854	383,236	71,076
<b>Widowed and divorced</b>	103,795	188,238	106,806	67,833	13,599
15 - 19 years	67	70	34	33	3
20 - 24 "	632	796	453	281	62
25 - 29 "	1,330	2,342	1,456	755	131
30 - 34 "	2,067	4,963	3,143	1,558	262
35 - 39 "	3,339	9,034	5,845	2,721	468
40 - 44 "	4,706	12,909	8,198	4,000	711
45 - 49 "	6,123	15,726	9,889	4,975	862
50 - 54 "	8,171	18,538	11,528	5,959	1,051
55 - 59 "	9,336	19,464	11,598	6,666	1,200
60 - 64 "	12,010	22,616	12,885	8,189	1,542
65 - 69 "	14,412	24,760	13,570	9,224	1,966
70 and over	41,577	56,934	28,156	23,450	5,328
N.S.	25	86	51	22	13
<b>Total 15 - 44 years</b>	12,141	29,614	19,129	9,348	1,637
" 15 - 54 "	26,435	64,378	40,546	20,282	3,550
" 15 - 64 "	47,781	106,458	65,029	35,137	6,292
<b>Not Stated</b>	58	236	172	59	5
15 - 19 years	2	8	1	7	-
20 - 24 "	1	13	10	3	-
25 - 29 "	1	13	7	5	1
30 - 34 "	3	16	13	2	1
35 - 39 "	2	13	6	7	-
40 - 44 "	1	17	15	1	1
45 - 49 "	5	25	20	5	-
50 - 54 "	9	15	15	-	-
55 - 59 "	6	14	13	1	-
60 - 64 "	3	20	18	2	-
65 - 69 "	5	6	5	1	-
70 and over	9	15	8	6	1
N.S.	11	61	41	19	1
<b>Total 15 - 44 years</b>	10	80	52	25	3
" 15 - 54 "	24	120	87	30	3
" 15 - 64 "	33	154	118	33	3



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Table 3. - Married Women, by age groups, classified as rural and urban, for Canada and the Provinces.

	Rural	Urban	Urban Local- ities 30,000 and over	Urban Local- ities 1,000 to 30,000	Urban Local- ities under 1,000		Rural	Urban	Urban Local- ities 30,000 and over	Urban Local- ities 1,000 to 20,000	Urban Local- ities under 1,000
<b>CANADA</b>	852,688	1,085,262	599,316	407,674	78,272	<b>Ontario</b>	262,859	440,373	234,485	188,856	17,000
Under 15 years	18	3	-	2	1	Under 15 years	6	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	91,668	97,963	52,456	38,689	6,818	15 - 24 "	23,820	38,715	19,845	17,567	1,300
24 - 34 "	223,641	297,262	168,343	109,287	19,632	25 - 34 "	66,562	116,192	63,223	49,363	3,600
35 - 44 "	218,045	301,175	170,755	110,311	20,109	35 - 44 "	67,481	120,661	66,661	50,195	3,900
45 - 54 "	166,734	219,168	123,394	80,797	14,977	45 - 54 "	52,957	89,631	48,952	37,241	3,400
55 - 64 "	97,024	111,598	57,906	44,152	9,540	55 - 64 "	33,042	48,535	24,101	21,737	2,600
65 - 69 "	28,761	30,565	14,510	12,571	3,484	65 - 69 "	10,034	13,964	6,353	6,518	1,000
70 and over	26,797	27,528	11,952	11,855	3,711	70 and over	8,957	12,675	6,350	6,235	1,000
15 - 44 years	533,354	696,400	391,554	258,287	46,559	15 - 44 years	157,863	275,558	149,729	117,125	8,700
15 - 54 "	700,088	915,568	514,948	339,084	61,536	15 - 54 "	210,820	365,199	198,681	154,366	12,100
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	11,826	3,869	-	3,280	589	<b>Manitoba</b>	67,811	63,267	44,403	14,617	4,200
Under 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	Under 15 years	-	1	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	967	343	-	286	57	15 - 24 "	7,210	5,725	4,151	1,245	300
25 - 34 "	2,544	869	-	751	118	25 - 34 "	18,230	16,325	11,671	3,733	900
35 - 44 "	2,841	1,030	-	866	164	35 - 44 "	18,641	18,671	13,312	4,255	1,100
45 - 54 "	2,491	802	-	664	138	45 - 54 "	13,181	13,628	9,642	3,069	900
55 - 64 "	1,703	467	-	396	71	55 - 64 "	6,890	6,045	3,951	1,516	800
65 - 69 "	625	162	-	144	18	65 - 69 "	1,928	1,512	917	416	100
70 and over	655	196	-	173	23	70 and over	1,741	1,360	759	383	200
15 - 44 years	6,252	2,242	-	1,903	339	15 - 44 years	44,071	40,721	29,134	9,233	2,300
15 - 54 "	8,843	3,044	-	2,567	477	15 - 54 "	57,252	54,349	38,776	12,302	3,200
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	50,595	42,212	10,954	29,617	1,641	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	107,683	57,096	19,609	17,616	19,800
Under 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	Under 15 years	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	4,958	4,540	1,166	3,201	173	15 - 24 "	14,303	5,706	2,173	1,748	1,700
25 - 34 "	11,272	10,980	3,246	7,362	372	25 - 34 "	30,152	16,014	5,839	4,711	5,400
35 - 44 "	11,773	11,476	2,981	8,112	383	35 - 44 "	29,207	16,970	5,766	5,358	5,800
45 - 54 "	10,128	8,298	1,953	6,007	338	45 - 54 "	20,739	11,359	3,901	3,649	3,800
55 - 64 "	7,249	4,580	1,074	3,278	238	55 - 64 "	9,091	4,577	1,396	1,450	1,700
65 - 69 "	2,499	1,197	296	822	79	65 - 69 "	2,288	1,256	285	357	600
70 and over	2,716	1,141	238	836	68	70 and over	1,893	1,214	249	343	600
15 - 44 years	28,003	26,996	7,393	18,675	928	15 - 44 years	73,672	38,690	13,778	11,817	13,000
15 - 54 "	38,131	35,294	9,346	24,682	1,266	15 - 54 "	94,411	50,049	17,679	15,466	16,900
<b>New Brunswick</b>	47,653	24,046	9,003	14,624	419	<b>Alberta</b>	80,726	57,084	34,292	12,936	9,800
Under 15 years	1	-	-	-	-	Under 15 years	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	5,559	2,293	811	1,455	27	15 - 24 "	11,111	5,801	3,370	1,328	1,100
25 - 34 "	11,882	6,338	2,307	3,923	108	25 - 34 "	23,846	15,552	9,164	3,470	2,900
35 - 44 "	11,658	6,632	2,548	3,971	113	35 - 44 "	21,030	16,722	10,080	3,717	2,900
45 - 54 "	9,097	4,697	1,798	2,804	95	45 - 54 "	14,955	12,005	7,543	2,764	1,600
55 - 64 "	5,780	2,670	1,013	1,606	51	55 - 64 "	6,860	4,799	2,920	1,122	700
65 - 69 "	1,803	792	305	472	15	65 - 69 "	1,688	1,184	663	294	200
70 and over	1,873	624	221	393	10	70 and over	1,236	1,021	552	241	200
15 - 44 years	29,099	15,263	5,666	9,349	248	15 - 44 years	55,987	38,075	22,614	8,515	6,900
15 - 54 "	38,196	19,960	7,464	12,153	343	15 - 54 "	70,942	50,080	30,157	11,279	8,600
<b>Quebec</b>	162,657	316,037	187,128	106,393	22,516	<b>British Columbia</b>	58,574	81,081	59,442	19,735	1,900
Under 15 years	1	2	-	2	-	Under 15 years	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	17,496	28,450	16,521	10,080	1,849	15 - 24 "	5,720	6,372	4,419	1,779	100
25 - 34 "	44,034	95,591	58,988	30,968	5,635	25 - 34 "	14,405	19,369	13,905	5,006	400
35 - 44 "	39,178	85,838	52,446	28,224	5,168	35 - 44 "	15,704	23,117	16,961	5,613	500
45 - 54 "	29,903	59,192	35,014	20,120	4,058	45 - 54 "	12,956	19,504	14,591	4,479	400
55 - 64 "	19,593	31,096	16,811	11,080	3,205	55 - 64 "	6,675	8,802	6,640	1,967	100
65 - 69 "	6,138	8,349	4,077	3,073	1,199	65 - 69 "	1,739	2,144	1,614	475	100
70 and over	6,314	7,519	3,271	2,846	1,402	70 and over	1,374	1,773	1,312	416	100
15 - 44 years	100,708	209,879	127,955	69,272	12,652	15 - 44 years	35,829	48,858	35,285	12,398	1,100
15 - 54 "	130,611	269,071	162,969	89,392	16,710	15 - 54 "	48,785	68,362	49,876	16,877	1,800



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Table 4. - Married Women in Cities of 30,000 population and over, 1931, by age groups.

<u>Halifax</u>	10,954	<u>Verdun</u>	12,836	<u>Ottawa</u>	23,659	<u>Saskatoon</u>	8,828
Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-
15 - 24 "	1,166	15 - 24 "	1,421	15 - 24 "	1,790	15 - 24 "	969
25 - 34 "	3,246	25 - 34 "	4,613	25 - 34 "	6,235	25 - 34 "	2,527
35 - 44 "	2,981	35 - 44 "	3,467	35 - 44 "	6,776	35 - 44 "	2,643
45 - 54 "	1,953	45 - 54 "	2,135	45 - 54 "	4,868	45 - 54 "	1,803
55 - 64 "	1,074	55 - 64 "	897	55 - 64 "	2,653	55 - 64 "	640
65 - 69 "	296	65 - 69 "	163	65 - 69 "	739	65 - 69 "	138
70 and over	238	70 and over	140	70 and over	598	70 and over	108
15 - 44 years	7,393	15 - 44 years	9,501	15 - 44 years	14,801	15 - 44 years	6,139
15 - 54 "	9,346	15 - 54 "	11,636	15 - 54 "	19,669	15 - 54 "	7,942
<u>Saint John</u>	9,003	<u>Brantford</u>	6,537	<u>Toronto</u>	134,518	<u>Calgary</u>	17,869
Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-
15 - 24 "	811	15 - 24 "	564	15 - 24 "	11,033	15 - 24 "	1,701
25 - 34 "	2,307	25 - 34 "	1,540	25 - 34 "	35,821	25 - 34 "	4,742
35 - 44 "	2,548	35 - 44 "	1,722	35 - 44 "	38,932	35 - 44 "	5,198
45 - 54 "	1,798	45 - 54 "	1,447	45 - 54 "	28,623	45 - 54 "	4,059
55 - 64 "	1,013	55 - 64 "	842	55 - 64 "	13,738	55 - 64 "	1,563
65 - 69 "	305	65 - 69 "	217	65 - 69 "	3,470	65 - 69 "	339
70 and over	221	70 and over	205	70 and over	2,901	70 and over	267
15 - 44 years	5,666	15 - 44 years	3,826	15 - 44 years	85,786	15 - 44 years	11,641
15 - 54 "	7,464	15 - 54 "	5,273	15 - 54 "	114,409	15 - 54 "	15,700
<u>Montreal</u>	148,619	<u>Hamilton</u>	33,929	<u>Windsor</u>	13,789	<u>Edmonton</u>	16,423
Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-
15 - 24 "	12,949	15 - 24 "	3,108	15 - 24 "	1,446	15 - 24 "	1,669
25 - 34 "	46,526	25 - 34 "	9,335	25 - 34 "	4,435	25 - 34 "	4,422
35 - 44 "	41,973	35 - 44 "	9,527	35 - 44 "	3,936	35 - 44 "	4,882
45 - 54 "	28,140	45 - 54 "	6,999	45 - 54 "	2,412	45 - 54 "	3,484
55 - 64 "	13,301	55 - 64 "	3,275	55 - 64 "	1,107	55 - 64 "	1,357
65 - 69 "	3,222	65 - 69 "	899	65 - 69 "	270	65 - 69 "	324
70 and over	2,506	70 and over	786	70 and over	183	70 and over	285
15 - 44 years	101,448	15 - 44 years	21,970	15 - 44 years	9,817	15 - 44 years	10,973
15 - 54 "	129,588	15 - 54 "	28,969	15 - 54 "	12,229	15 - 54 "	14,457
<u>Quebec</u>	15,851	<u>Kitchener</u>	6,566	<u>Winnipeg</u>	44,403	<u>Vancouver</u>	51,546
Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-
15 - 24 "	1,561	15 - 24 "	689	15 - 24 "	4,151	15 - 24 "	3,956
25 - 34 "	5,873	25 - 34 "	2,013	25 - 34 "	11,671	25 - 34 "	12,405
35 - 44 "	5,502	35 - 44 "	1,667	35 - 44 "	13,312	35 - 44 "	14,871
45 - 54 "	3,759	45 - 54 "	1,175	45 - 54 "	9,642	45 - 54 "	12,584
55 - 64 "	2,052	55 - 64 "	647	55 - 64 "	3,951	55 - 64 "	5,471
65 - 69 "	590	65 - 69 "	208	65 - 69 "	917	65 - 69 "	1,265
70 and over	524	70 and over	167	70 and over	759	70 and over	994
15 - 44 years	12,936	15 - 44 years	4,369	15 - 44 years	29,134	15 - 44 years	31,232
15 - 54 "	16,695	15 - 54 "	5,544	15 - 54 "	38,776	15 - 54 "	43,816
<u>Three Rivers</u>	5,822	<u>London</u>	15,487	<u>Regina</u>	10,781	<u>Victoria</u>	7,896
Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-	Under 15 years	-
15 - 24 "	590	15 - 24 "	1,215	15 - 24 "	1,204	15 - 24 "	463
25 - 34 "	1,976	25 - 34 "	3,644	25 - 34 "	3,312	25 - 34 "	1,500
35 - 44 "	1,504	35 - 44 "	4,101	35 - 44 "	3,123	35 - 44 "	2,090
45 - 54 "	980	45 - 54 "	3,428	45 - 54 "	2,098	45 - 54 "	2,007
55 - 64 "	561	55 - 64 "	1,839	55 - 64 "	756	55 - 64 "	1,169
65 - 69 "	112	65 - 69 "	550	65 - 69 "	147	65 - 69 "	349
70 and over	99	70 and over	510	70 and over	141	70 and over	318
15 - 44 years	4,070	15 - 44 years	9,160	15 - 44 years	7,639	15 - 44 years	4,053
15 - 54 "	5,050	15 - 54 "	12,588	15 - 54 "	9,737	15 - 54 "	6,060



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Table 5. - Families, rural and urban, showing their composition, Canada and Provinces, 1931.

	Wives	Families of Two or More Persons						
		TOTAL	Without children	With children	With one child	With two children	With three children	With one child under seven years
<b>CANADA</b>	1,857,105	2,149,048	479,414	1,669,634	503,850	400,365	270,642	185,331
Rural	823,666	943,099	196,170	746,929	199,048	164,492	120,132	75,500
Urban	1,033,439	1,205,949	283,244	922,705	304,802	235,873	150,510	109,831
Localities 30,000 and over	570,133	668,206	139,373	508,833	175,448	135,223	83,458	51,519
" 1,000 to 30,000	388,652	450,545	101,557	348,988	109,518	85,338	56,519	34,519
" under 1,000	74,654	87,198	22,314	64,884	19,836	15,312	10,533	6,302
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	14,925	16,334	4,343	13,991	4,131	3,184	2,212	1,219
Rural	11,526	14,072	3,316	10,756	3,089	2,429	1,734	906
Urban	3,400	4,262	1,027	3,235	1,042	755	478	313
Localities 30,000 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 1,000 to 30,000	2,845	3,564	831	2,733	882	635	406	251
" under 1,000	555	698	196	502	160	120	72	60
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	87,988	106,843	23,526	83,316	24,999	15,900	13,160	7,960
Rural	48,267	58,913	13,777	45,136	13,426	10,050	7,007	3,954
Urban	39,731	47,929	9,749	38,180	11,573	8,850	6,153	4,006
Localities 30,000 and over	10,243	12,376	2,752	9,624	3,135	2,468	1,549	854
" 1,000 to 30,000	27,947	33,562	6,517	27,145	7,971	6,049	4,376	2,751
" under 1,000	1,541	1,891	480	1,411	467	333	229	131
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	68,919	81,212	16,919	64,293	17,487	13,741	9,808	6,105
Rural	46,189	53,725	10,809	42,916	10,587	8,515	6,518	3,804
Urban	22,730	27,487	6,110	21,377	6,900	5,226	3,290	2,301
Localities 30,000 and over	8,472	10,565	2,415	8,150	2,773	2,140	1,304	854
" 1,000 to 30,000	13,859	16,459	3,575	12,884	4,015	3,010	1,931	1,251
" under 1,000	399	463	120	343	112	76	55	50
<b>QUEBEC</b>	466,028	537,234	109,561	427,673	102,485	84,809	65,224	40,836
Rural	159,681	181,754	32,947	148,807	27,953	24,000	20,545	10,215
Urban	306,347	355,480	76,614	278,866	74,532	60,809	44,679	30,621
Localities 30,000 and over	180,961	211,675	47,167	164,508	46,740	37,484	26,918	16,918
" 1,000 to 30,000	103,320	118,036	22,755	95,281	22,908	19,596	14,950	9,550
" under 1,000	22,066	25,768	6,692	19,076	4,884	3,729	2,811	1,447
<b>ONTARIO</b>	673,138	763,857	196,483	567,374	207,755	156,111	95,779	70,959
Rural	254,789	293,388	71,196	222,202	71,456	56,197	37,148	24,781
Urban	418,349	490,469	125,297	365,172	136,298	99,914	58,631	46,178
Localities 30,000 and over	222,135	261,395	65,797	195,598	74,813	55,177	31,490	24,490
" 1,000 to 30,000	179,953	209,503	53,243	155,255	56,212	41,658	25,168	19,958
" under 1,000	16,251	19,571	6,252	13,319	5,273	3,279	1,973	1,251
<b>MANITOBA</b>	125,216	143,189	28,087	115,102	33,065	28,374	20,034	12,709
Rural	65,637	74,338	12,870	61,468	15,198	13,711	10,684	6,170
Urban	59,579	68,851	15,217	53,634	17,867	14,663	9,350	6,539
Localities 30,000 and over	42,038	48,662	11,000	37,662	12,993	10,649	6,583	4,038
" 1,000 to 30,000	13,552	15,495	3,094	12,401	3,804	3,121	2,136	1,351
" under 1,000	3,989	4,694	1,123	3,571	1,090	893	631	400
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	158,289	177,732	31,925	145,807	37,609	33,199	24,748	16,519
Rural	104,605	116,831	18,891	97,940	28,678	20,667	16,309	10,459
Urban	53,684	60,901	13,034	47,867	14,931	12,532	8,439	6,060
Localities 30,000 and over	18,686	21,044	4,615	16,429	5,607	4,554	2,849	1,849
" 1,000 to 30,000	16,209	18,381	3,708	14,673	4,568	3,744	2,641	1,641
" under 1,000	18,789	21,476	4,711	16,765	4,756	4,234	2,949	1,849
<b>ALBERTA</b>	131,407	148,551	29,163	119,388	34,930	29,822	20,770	15,136
Rural	77,585	86,924	15,744	71,180	18,893	16,285	12,211	8,675
Urban	53,822	61,627	13,419	48,208	16,337	13,537	8,559	6,461
Localities 30,000 and over	32,302	37,037	8,388	28,649	10,291	8,308	4,985	3,485
" 1,000 to 30,000	12,242	13,397	2,836	11,161	3,463	2,992	2,023	1,351
" under 1,000	9,278	10,593	2,196	8,398	2,583	2,237	1,551	1,025
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	131,194	152,097	39,407	112,690	41,368	32,225	18,907	13,898
Rural	55,397	63,154	16,630	46,524	16,066	12,638	7,976	5,936
Urban	75,797	88,943	22,777	66,166	25,302	19,587	10,931	7,962
Localities 30,000 and over	55,296	65,451	17,239	48,212	19,096	14,443	7,780	5,780
" 1,000 to 30,000	18,725	21,448	4,993	16,455	5,695	4,733	2,889	2,089
" under 1,000	1,776	2,044	545	1,499	511	411	262	168



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Table 6. - Families in Cities of 30,000 population and over, showing their composition, 1931.

	Wives	Families of two or more persons						
		Total	Without children	With children	With one child	With two children	With three children	With one child under seven years
Halifax .....	10,243	12,376	2,752	9,624	3,135	2,468	1,549	1,151
Saint John .....	8,472	10,565	2,415	8,150	2,773	2,140	1,304	842
Montreal .....	143,435	168,024	38,599	129,425	37,600	29,897	21,341	15,174
Quebec .....	19,398	23,185	4,446	18,739	4,421	3,658	2,853	1,706
Three Rivers .....	5,708	6,474	1,118	5,356	1,155	1,046	891	565
Verdun .....	12,420	13,993	3,004	10,989	3,564	2,883	1,833	1,833
Brantford .....	6,314	7,283	1,932	5,351	2,013	1,428	921	618
Hamilton .....	32,280	37,446	9,194	28,252	10,669	8,087	4,545	3,726
Kitchener .....	6,366	7,160	1,735	5,425	1,948	1,494	897	784
London .....	14,497	17,155	4,683	12,472	5,105	3,510	1,889	1,566
Ottawa .....	22,496	27,393	6,006	21,387	7,035	5,684	3,485	2,237
Toronto .....	127,058	149,981	38,601	111,380	43,934	31,749	17,910	14,873
Windsor .....	13,124	14,977	3,646	11,331	4,110	3,225	1,843	1,623
Winnipeg .....	42,038	48,662	11,000	37,662	12,993	10,649	6,583	4,792
Regina .....	10,376	11,633	2,533	9,100	3,148	2,534	1,509	1,392
Saskatoon .....	8,310	9,411	2,082	7,329	2,459	2,020	1,340	1,035
Calgary .....	16,888	19,326	4,578	14,748	5,523	4,287	2,539	2,124
Edmonton .....	15,414	17,711	3,810	13,901	4,768	4,021	2,446	1,869
Vancouver .....	47,944	56,519	14,723	41,796	16,454	12,502	6,796	5,092
Victoria .....	7,352	8,932	2,516	6,416	2,642	1,941	984	625



## THE AGE COMPOSITION OF PERSONS INSURED UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Based upon registration forms received at  
The Dominion Bureau of Statistics  
up to March 31, 1942

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